GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri P.S.C. Bose, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd), formerly DFO, Vizianagaram Division – Inquiry finalized and findings received - Provisional decision to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) two years- Show-Cause-Notice issued- Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 47 Dated: 07-05-2016

Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.1900/2003/K3, dt:16-8-2013.
2. G.M. No.6638/For.IV/A1/2013, dt. 30.10.2013.
3. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 1900/2003/K3, dt. 4.12.2013.
4. G.M. No. 6638/For.IV/A1/2013-3, dt. 11.12.2013.
5. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 1900/2003/K3, dt. 11.4.2014.
6. G.M. No. 6638/For.IV/A1/2013, dt. 02.07.2015.
7. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 1900/2003/Vig-2, dt. 05.12.2015.
8. Govt. Lr. No. 6638/For.IV/A1/2013, dt. 07.01.2016
9. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 102/DC&C/2/2016, dt. 01.02.2016.
10. Govt., Lr. No. 6638/For.IV/A1/2013, dt. 12.02.2016.
11. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 102/DC&C/2/2016, dt. 26.03.2016.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has informed that Articles of Charges were issued against Sri P.S.C. Bose, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), formerly Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram Division vide reference No.1900/2003/PXA3, dt:25-1-2006 on the following counts:-

Article-I: That he had, while working as DFO, Vizianagaram, exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown lack of devotion to duty, resulting in grave irregularities.

Article-II: That he had, while working as DFO, Vizianagaram, exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown disobedience to the instruction issued by the District Collector and chairman DWMA, Vizianagaram by not obtaining the hydrological and ground water clearance from the competent authorities before the commencement of the watershed works under RIDF-VIII(WCM).

Article-III: That he had, while working as DFO, Vizianagaram, exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown lack of devotion to duty and not followed the guidelines issued in G.O.Ms.No.13, EFS&T (For.III) Dept., dt: 12-02-2002 regarding formation of user groups (VSS), opening of project accounts and selection of secretary, chairperson etc., which has to be followed by executing agency.

Article-IV: That he had , while working as DFO, Vizianagaram, shown utter callousness in discharging his legitimate duties and lack of supervision on the subordinates working under his control, which resulted non following of technical specifications while carrying out RFD works in Gostani and Champavathi catchment of Thatipudi and Andhra Reservoir areas and other irregularities, which were pointed out by the DFO, FS Division, Visakhapatnam in his inspection report submitted by the CF, Visakhapatnam vide Ref.No.256/2002/V, dt:27-2-2003.

Article-V: That he had, while working as DFO, Vizianagaram, exhibited gross neglect of duty and lack of supervision on the works carried out by the subordinates resulted certain deviations in works pointed out by various inspecting officials and responsible for the loss to a tune of Rs.7,61,255/- to the Government exchequer.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 22-3-2006 but did not submit written statement of defense within the stipulated time. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively for conducting regular enquiry vide PCCF's Lr. Ref.No.1900/2003/PXA3 (i) (ii), dt:16-2-2008. The Inquiry Officer conducted the enquiry and submitted the findings vide Addl.PCCF/CF, Visakhapatnam Rc.No.922/2003/M8, dt:30-3-2012.

3. After conducting inquiry, the Inquiry Officer findings were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCF's Lr. Rc.No.1900/2003/K3, dt:4-3-2013. The Charged Officer has submitted further defence statement on 8-5-2013, in which he has not put forth any new points to be considered. Further, the Prl.CCF has also informed that, in another case, the Government in G.O.Ms.No.1, EFS&T (For.IV) Deptt. Dated 02-01-2007 have issued orders imposing a punishment of "Withholding entire pensionery benefits (pension and gratuity)" against Sri P.S.C.Bose, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.) formerly Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram Division.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2002. A.N. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it was observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) two years on the charged officer Sri P.S.C. Bose, Assistant Conservator of Forests(Retd.) formerly DFO, Vizianagaram Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the Charged Officer vide reference 6th read above, and the Prl.CCF, vide reference 7th read above, has informed that there are no valid and fresh points in the further defense statement dt:08.10.2015, furnished by the retired charged officer.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) two years on the charged officer Sri P.S.C. Bose, Assistant Conservator of Forests(Retd.) formerly DFO, Vizianagaram Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.102/DC&C/2/2016, dt.26.03.2016).
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